

Thought for the week Week Commencing 7th May 2019

I try to be grateful for the abundance of the blessings that I have, for

the journey that I'm on and to relish each day as a gift.

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"I have come that they may have life and have it in abundance, says Jesus. This is where true wealth is found, not in material things!"







Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 7th May 2019 "It's a Miracle"

In our Gospel this week we read about one of the miracles that Jesus performed after he rose from the dead. The Disciples had been fishing all night and caught nothing. Jesus appears on the shore and tells them to try again. They must have been tired and fed up, but they did what Jesus asked them to do.

Their reward was not just a few fish, but an abundance of fish so many that the nets almost ripped apart.

And the same is true for each one of us today. Jesus wants to give us his gifts and blessing in abundance. We too like the disciples have to trust in him.





Tuesday 7th May 2019

John 21:1-19



Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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Paired Speaking Question

What do you think the disciples thought when Jesus asked then to drop their nests again after fishing all night?

Class Speaking Challenge:

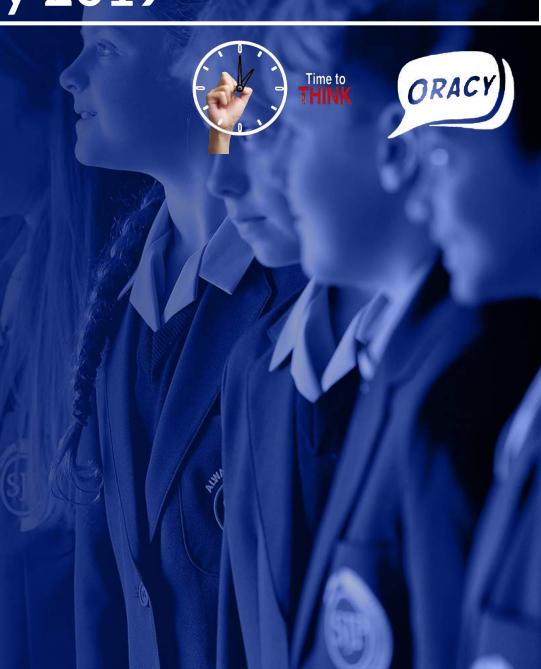
What do you think the disciples did with all the fish they caught?

•Class Discussion:

•When Jesus talks about giving us life in "abundance", what do you think he means?

Exit Pass:

Tell me about a time when you have had an abundance of something.



Wednesday 8th May 2019

3 Ways To Live Each Day Like It's A Miracle

Greet the morning with a thankful heart. No matter what's happening, whether good or bad, be thankful. If nothing else, thank God that you've got a head on your shoulders, breath in your lungs, and his Spirit in your heart. He's given you the gift of another day.

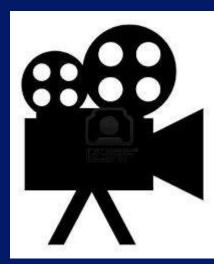
Look for the good throughout your day. This one can be hard. We're often bombarded with negative messages and news throughout our day., so that the last thing on your mind is goodness. But then, just yesterday I saw a young man help an elderly woman onto her bus. It was so simple, but it was good. Within every day, you can experience goodness. You just have to look for it.

Get outside. Look up and around you. God created everything with you in mind. He made the world a perfect place for us to live and to thrive. Each time you step out, try to focus on some part of creation that inspires you. It could be the sunset, a tree blooming in your garden or the park. or the smell of freshly fallen rain. Then think of how God used that to create the perfect place for you to live.

These three simple things can make a big difference. They help remind us that we can experience God in everyday life the same way we experience him in the extraordinary. We don't have to wait for the next big thing because God is in the little things as well, making each day a miracle.



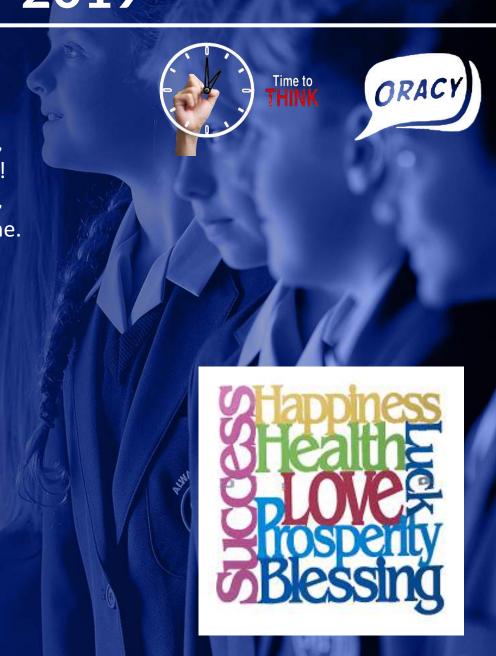
Thursday 9th May 2019



Video

Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your blessings, see what God has done! Count your blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

What are some of the blessing that you have received in your life?



Friday 10th May 2019



